ST. LOUIS, MO., SATURDAY, JULY 18. 1903.

FRANK H. RICKER IS

MISSING FROM HOME

Kirkwood Man and St. Louis Bank

Employe Sought by His

Friends.

FOUL PLAY GREATLY FEARED.

Had About \$90 and Was Last Seen

Upon a Missouri Pacific

Train Thursday Near

Union Station.

Frank H. Ricker, member of a family

well known in Kirkwood, St. Louis County

and who was employed at the National

Bank of Commerce, disappeared Thursday

morning, and since has not been heard from by his family and friends in Kirkwood.

Thursday he left home to come to the

ity on the Missouri Pacific train, leaving

Kirkwood at 8 a. m. He was last seen by Orrick Albright, also of Kirkwood,

Albright is employed at the same bank. Ricker told him when on the train that

he intended to visit his physician. He asked

Albright to tell his superiors at the bank that he would not be down to business until late, and probably not at all. His

physician was Doctor A. V. L. Brokaw.

Albright parted from him as the train

backed into Union Station. Ricker was then

he felt sick, to which a negative response

was returned. Doctor Brokaw says Ricker

Ricker held a position in the mailing de-

partment of the big bank. At the time, his family thinks, he had \$80 or \$50 in kes

Ricker is about 5 feet 8 inches in height and well built in proportion. His features

He has a wife and one child. Word con-

cerning him is anxiously sought by Mrs.

Ricker, and by George L. Edwards, president of the brokerage firm of A. G. Ed-

wards & Sons, and by Albert N. Edwards,

attorney, with offices in the Rialto build-

ing. Both the latter are brothers-in-law of

COOLER WEATHER PREDICTED.

Northwesterly Winds Will Prevail

With Rise in Barometer.

Cooler weather is predicted to-day by

Official Forecaster Bowie. The thermome-

ter yesterday registered 93 degrees, the

maximum registration since last Saturday.

The thunderstorms of yesterday morning

when it arose from 79 to 86 degrees. A

lower barometer prevailed all day yesterday

because of the "low" that came in from the

southwest. The passing of this will cause

porthwesterly winds, cooler weather and

corresponding rise in the barometer.

kept the thermometer down until 10 o'clock,

did not visit him.

hour this morning.

in dark clothing.

sitting in his seat. Albright asked him if

## CHIEF FIGURE IN THE IMBODEN-PIERCE CASE.



LILLIE BELLE PIERCE. Photographer.

PORTUGUESE KING.

Regiment Have Been Ar-

rested at Lisbon.

TROUBLE BEGAN LAST YEAR.

Rumors of Serious Discord, Even

in the Royal Household, Have

Disturbed Friends of the

Existing Dynasty.

Berlin, July 17 .- A dispatch to the Cologne

Gazette from Lisbon says that several of-

ficers of the Fifth Portuguese Infantry

have been arrested on the charge of con-

Suspicions of a widespread conspiracy

against the dynasty have been entertained

for some time, the instigators being offi-

Other regiments, it is said, are affected.

MUCH UNEASINESS.

Following the assassination of the King

tese excitement in Europe, the renewed ru-

mors of designs on the ruling dynasty in

Portugal have caused much uneasiness in

Many have pointed out since the terribl

parent startling similarity in the rumors of

being at the bottom of the movement, ac

As far back as November, 1902, there wer

reports in Madrid, Spain, that a serious

conspiracy was on foot in Portugal. Just

what its object was did not appear, except

that it boded no good to the existing order

of things. There were differences of opinion

us to whether it was the intention of the

At that time it was said that well-known

Portuguese General had stated that a

regency was necessary. The Government,

according to rumor, saw conspiracy on all

sides, and serious developments were

ROYAL DISAGREEMENT.

difficulties of the reigning dynasty of Por-

tugal were reports of alleged differences of

opinion between King Charles and Queen

Marie Amelie in regard to the attitude of

These so-called differences related to the

treatment of religious congregations. The

King's attitude in the matter was antago-

nistle to the congregations, and for a time

go on a journey. This did not prove true, however.

The Marquis de Pombal resigned the post

of grand master of the court ceremonies in consequence of a decree of the King which

was taken as unfavorable to the congrega-

Considerable attention was attracted to

the affairs of the royal house of Portugal

the winter of last year, and his reception at

Windsor Castle, together with the return visit of King Edward to Portugal last April.

King Edward was received with much cer

by the King, and the visit passed off mos

Buccessfull

emony by the nobility of Partugal, headed

by the visit of King Charles to England it

It was rumored that the Queen intended to

the King on the clerical question.

Still earlier in the history of the reported

conspirators to form a regency or tak

the intrigues, army officers in both cases

the little country west of Spain.

cording to report.

more violent measures.

They will be tried by court-martial.

spiring against King Charles.

cers who have been cashlered.

Most recent picture of the woman who claims a widow's share in the large estate left by Luther E. Imboden. With ravel-black four, sharp-pencifed eyebrows and large black eyes, "Airs Imboden" is striking in appearance. She is 38 years old.

## POPE ABLE TO EAT: | PLOTTED AGAINST SLEEP IS QUIETER.

His Holiness Takes Half a Cup of Several Officers of Fifth Infantry Soup, Some Toast and Wine.

CANCER REPORT GROUNDLESS.

Physicians Pronounce Story an Ignorant Invention-Preparations for Pontiff's Demise Continue at the Vatican.

Rome, July 18, 4:10 a. m.-After having some sleep the Pontiff appeared to be again restless and required the frequent assistance of Doctor Lapponi and his valet, Centra.

Rome, July 17, 2:25 a. m .- The Pope is now reported to be in a somewhat quieter sleep than he had last night, although his breathing is perhaps not so

TAKES NOURISHMENT.

Rome, July 17, Midnight,-The Pope to-night showed less aversion to the and Queen of Servia, which caused such innourishment offered him and took half a cup of consomme, a piece of toast and a few sips of old wine,

SITS UP IN CHAIR Rome, July 17, 8:25 p. m .- "I cannot say the Pope is better, but he is no worse." In these words Doctor Lappont summed up for the Associated Press this evening the Pontiff's condition at the end of the

second week of his illness. In the morning, after a night during which stimulants and nursing restored him to a fairly good condition, the Pope complained of soreness, due to the many days he had passed in bed. To relieve this, and to humor him, the patient was allowed to sit in his armchair for a short time, with apparently good effect. The celebration of a mass in honor of St. Leo and the Pone's conversation with Mgr. Pifferi were only other incidents which to-day relieved

the tedium of the sick chamber. After the visit of the physicians the Pope received Cardinal Rampolla, who remained in the sickroom only a few minutes. He again gave the Pontiff a full report of the prayers offered in his behalf all over the orld. His Holiness, raising both hands,

"I bless all those who pray to God for

In Vatican circles there is gossiping over the great reception given by Mgr. Ajuti at Lisbon to celebrate his elevation to the Cardinalate, and over the solemnity with which Cardinal Agliardi to-day took possession of his new office of Vice Chancellor of the church. The Associated Press correspondent, however, learns that the Pope himself in his last interview with Cardinal Agliard urged the performance of to-day's

Agilardi urged the performance of to-day's ceremony.

In sharp contrast with these ceremonies are the continuous preparations at the Vatican for the death of the Pontiff. A huge spit, 12 feet long, which has been used for roasting food for the conclaves since the time of Gregory XVI, was brought from an old storeroom to-day and will be employed to roast quarters of beef for the isolated Cardinals while they are deliberating in the conclave over the election of the successor to Leo XIII.

Doctors Lapponi and Mazzoni absolutely deny the statement published in the United States that Pope Leo is suffering from cancer, and ridicule it as an ignorant invention. They say they are sure that Doc-

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## BEN DE BAR'S OLD PROPERTY DIVIDED.

legatees of Famous Actor-Manager Knew Nothing of Land Owned in Cleveland.

#### DISCOVERED AFTER 25 YEARS.

Lawyer Located Two Granddaugh ters and an Adopted Daughter Through The Republic, Dividing \$15,000.

After remaining intact for twenty-five ears without a claimant, the Cleve and, O. property of Ben De Bar the St. Louis er theatrical manager, who died a counter of a century ago, has at last been sold, and \$15,000 divided among two granddaughters and an adopted daughter of the ne-time famous comedian.

These heirs did not know that the proper was in existence. When Ben De Bar died in St. Louis in 1877 Colonel John G. Priest, who was then a amous lawver of this city became executhe estate. In straightening up the affairs of the estate, Colonel Priest did not iscover a piece of real estate in Cleveland, , situated on the lake front. No claimant

the authorities because it had never been entered on the duplicate tax list. In the summer of 1902 the Cleveland and Pittsburg Railroad Company desired to condemn the property for depot purposes, and in examining the abstract found that its late owner was Ben De Bar.

taxes were paid on it, it was not sold by

The officials of the company did not know who De Bar was, where he lived, or whether he was alive. A notice was pub-

Edward Crane, a lawyer of Cincinnati, was handling a piece of property adjoining the De Bar property in Cleveland, and he wrote to Claud D. Hall, a lawyer in the ouri Trust building, asking him to find the heirs of the estate. LOCATED THROUGH REPUBLIC.

Mr. Hall was at a loss where to find a lew to the heirs, until he saw a character sketch of De Bar in The Republic of August 14, 1962, the twenty-fifth anniversary of the death of the famous theatrical mana-

Mr. Hall at once began to work on that clew, and, after searching for nearly a year, he located the heirs and secured for them

S15.009 for the property.

He found that De Bar left one child, Lisette, who became the wife of James V.
Dexter of Denver, founder of the Union Deposit and Trust Company of that city. Mrs. Lisette De Bar Dexter is dead, but she left two daughters. Harriet and Anna. Harriet married Roland G. Parvin, now secretary and treasurer of the Union Deposit and Trust Company of Denver, and Anna is the wife of Richard R. Hauk, a wealthy miner of San Francisco. Mr. Hall also found that Ben De Bar had

adopted a child of his sister, who afterwards went by the name of Blanche De St Louis from the flood waters of the Mis-Bar. By the will this adopted child was sissippi River. made an heir of the St. Louis comedian and theatrical manager. She married Julius Brutus Booth, also an actor who claimed relationship to the family of which Edwin Booth was a member.

Mrs. Blanche De Bar Booth was an ac tress, and often appeared in the same cast with her foster parent. She is still living, in Minneapolis, Minn. She also received a part of the \$15,000.

Ben De Bar came to St. Louis in 1828, and. coring a success in this city in "The School for Scandal," he formed an affection for St. Louis that lasted through life. After playing in the leading cities of the United States and England for seventeen years, he nermanently located in St. Louis, and in the late fifties became proprietor of De Bar's Opera-house on Pine street between Third and Fourth streets. He also acquired an interest in theaters in New Orleans, Memphis and Montreal. In 1873 he sold out his St. Louis theater and became part owner in the Grand Opera-house.

#### LEADING TOPICS

#### TO-DAY'S REPUBLIC.

WEATHER CONDITIONS. For St. Louis and Vicinity-Partly cloudy and cooler to-day; fresh south rly winds, shifting to northwesterly For Missourl-Showers and Saturday. Sunday fair, except shownding of the Servian troubles by the death of the royal couple that there was an ap-

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3. Brady Dismissed From Police Force. Says Imboden Referred to Miss Pierce ns Wife. Gould May Buy Lehigh Valley,

4. Forehand Won Like a Good Colt. The Republic Form Chart.

Trouble Brewing in the National Guard. Mrs. Cummings Asks for a New Trial-

5. Baseball News and Gossip.

7. Books of the Week. 8. Of Interest to Women. Russians Blame England.

Says Mistake Was Made by Americans Insurance Cases Appealed. 9. Religious News and Announcements. Christian Endeavor Topic. Doctor H. M. Wharton to Open Tent Meeting.

10. Republic "Want" Ads.

Birth, Marriage and Death Records. 11. Rooms for Rent Ads.

12. East Side News Weekly Bank Statement.

13. Securities Range Higher on Local Ex-Wheat Displays Strength in Chicago. Reaction in Wall Street Helps Prices

Local Grains Regain Losses Mayor Considers Improvement Plans. Urges Colombian Congress to Act. Trade of Islands Is \$100,000,000. Wed in Orphans' Home Where Were Reared,

OBJECT OF LATEST PLOT

BY EUROPEAN ARMY MEN.



Whose dynasty army officers are accused of trying to overthrow, following the example of the Servian revolutionists. The King's attitude toward religious orders, it is said, has been the cause of much discord, not only in the country at large, but even in the royal household. KING CHARLES (CARLOS) OF PORTUGAL.

## PLAN TO CONVERT TRACKS INTO DIKES,

Terminal's President Indorses Mayor Cook's Proposition to Protect East St. Louis.

COST WILL BE ABOUT \$500,000

Scheme Involves Raising Levee Front, Changing Cahokia Creek's Course, Abandoning Viaduct and Lowering Broadway.

Mayor Silas Cook of East St. Louis is working on plans which have been submitted by City Engineer E. G. Heim for the immediate protection of the city of East

The plans, which would call for an expenditure of about \$500,000, primarily con-sist of raising the railroad tracks about East St. Louis and changing the course of the Cahokia Creek. It is also planned to depress Missouri avenue and Broadway. Mayor Cook visited General Manager Mc

Thesney of the Terminal Railroad Association yesterday afternoon and stated last vening that Mr. McChesney was favorable to the plan of raising the tracks especially about the Relay Station, and that he had promised that he would take up the question at the next meeting of the Terminal Railroad Association.

City Engineer Helm has two plans, which, f put into effect, would give East St. Louis louble protection from future floods and also protect the raliroad property, he states, Mr. Helm's plan means much for the city, as the railroad companies would have to stand almost all of the expense, which, he says, will not amount to near as much as was generally supposed.

What Mr. Helm terms his big plan is to change the course of the Cahokia Creek near the National Stock Yards so that it would empty into the Mississippi River just below the East St. Louis waterworks.

The dirt that would be taken from the ex cavation for the bed of the creek would be ilmost sufficient when piled on the one side for a dike, which would run from the Levee front to the Baltimore and Ohio tracks near the National Stock Yards and would pro tect this industry and also all of the railroad yards on what is known as the island. TO RAISE LEVEE FRONT.

have to be raised from three to five feet in places within a few hundred yards of the in the next two weeks the policy of the Eads bridge.

Several hundred yards south of the Ends errorship may be outlined without any bridge the levce front would have to be d'fficulty. raised, and this raise would have to be carried around to the rear of the Republic do not think that he will shorten his Eu-Iron and Steel Works to the Illinois Central repean trip because of developments during Railroad tracks, which would also have to the last few days. According to politicians be raised about three feet and strengthened | Hawes does not intend to lead a fight

for a distance of about two miles. This plan, Mr. Helm says, would assure the city protection against the floods, As an additional measure of precaution and also as a convenience to the railroad and the city of East St. Louis generally Mr Helm proposes that the railroads raise tracks in and near the Relay Station about

five feet above the present level. This would cut down the grade to the an proach to the Ends bridge, so that instead of using two locomotives on this grade, the same loads could be drawn by one.

Mr. Helm also proposes to do away with the viaduct, which could be made possible by raising the tracks, where it now stands, about eight feet. The street could be lowered six feet at that point and could then be raised again. This plan also provides for depressing Missouri avenue at the Relay Station and thus doing away with one of the most dangerous crossings in the coun-

The Relay Station would have to be raised The Relay Station would mave to be raised as well as the tracks. The tracks would all have to be raised from five to eight feet from Cone Station on the Baltimore and Ohio Railrood, near St. Clair avenue, down the Hilnois Central to a point two miles outside the city limits. ABANDON VIADUCT.

Under this plan it is necessary to do away with the Cahokia Creek, an undertaking which Mr. Helm has provided for in his first plan. The vinduct would have to be reconstructed, as it has all but fallen to pleces, and is now braced with heavy tim-

# DEMOCRATIC CITY

Purpose Is to Discuss Local Situation as "Things Are Stirring."

SOMETHING MUST BE DONE.

Politician Declares Tony Stuever's Declaration for Circuit Attornev Folk Has Helped to Mix Matters.

there will be a meeting of the Democratic City Central Committee within a few days to discuss the local situation. According to one politician, "things are stirring so fast that we need to get our bearings."

Under the present form of organization, the City Committee has not occupied the important position which it does in the Republican party. The City Committee and the Jefferson Club have worked in absolute harmony during the recent campaigns, and the results have been so effective that little cause for comment has been found.

"Mayor Wells's decision to have the Jef ferson Club committee ignored," said one member of the committee yesterday, "has almost made it incumbent for us to do something. The boys are not feeling 'sore over his speech, for there has never been a time when the ward organizations have received more conisderation. The politicians recognizing that the people wish good, clean business administration, have endeavored to give preference to the best sort of applicants.

In one way, the disposition of the candi dries for jobs to think that the Jefferson Club committee had the sole disposal of minor patronage has had a bad effect of the organization. The leaders in the club are beginning to recognize this fact and are willing to have the responsibility of making appointments conferred absolutely on the heads of departments.

"The City Committeemen, in view of the fact that Mayor Wells wishes nothing but Democrats appointed when good men can er found, think that they may be able to assist. Then again, it is a good thing to get together once in awhile and find out what conditions are,

"Tony Stuever's declaration for Folk has helped to mix matters. Most of us think The levee front of Front street would that he has made a shrewd move, but we are not ready to do as he has done. With St. Louis delegation in regard to the gov

> Those who are close friends of Hawes against Folk, but is more than willing to fall in line when he considers the time

RUBEY FEELS CONFIDENT. Says He Has Been Assured Nomination

for Lieutenaut Governor. Lieutenant Governor Thomas L. Rubey i in the city on private business for a couple of days. He expects to go fishing next week down the Piney River, and is getting ready for the vacation.

"Some ask me who I am for fer Governor," he said. "I tell them that I do not care, so that his name is just above mine on the ticket. So far as I am concerned, my friends assure me that the nomination for the office which I now hold is tolerably sure for me." Only one candidate is announced against

Mr. Rubey. He is William E. Fowler of Excelsior Springs, Probate Judge. Little is known of him in this section of the State.

Republican Lengue Outing

The Twenty-second Ward Republican League Club is making great preparations for its outing and piculc at Grand View made to say that "I must have that \$1,000 Place, near Meramec Highlands, to-morrow. A number of prizes for athletic and Another letter which Kelley claims he re other events are offered.

## A PATH THROUGH CENTRAL ILLINOIS.

Nine Persons Are Killed, Many Injured About Streator and Mendota.

PROPERTY LOSS IS ENORMOUS.

Ampitheater of Race Track Blown Down at Streator, Catching a Multitude in the Collapse.

TRAIN BLOWN FROM TRACKS.

Hundreds of Houses Wrecked and Many Families Driven From Their Homes Without Shelter.

Streator, Ill., July 17 .- A tornado this vening killed five persons, injured a score of others and caused a property loss of

\$2,000,000. The dead: NELS H. BIVENE. R. PURCELL. CHARLES SNYDER. Unknown negro.

posecssion. No reason is given why he should seek to leave his home or to end his life. Accordingly, fears of foul play are track, where new buildings had just been erected. Not a building is left standing. His habits have been regular-exemplary, All of the buildings at Electric Park were in fact. That he should not return home Thursday, or that he sent no word of his destroyed, and the fence and amphitheater of the ball park were blown away. Stauintention to stay away, is thought peculiar. He remained unheard from until an early

ber's pants factory, a two-story brick building, was blown down, and all the stock was ruined. Fifteen persons were injured.

The Vulcain Western Company's plant suffered heavy loss. Purcell was killed are very regular. His hair is a dark brown, there. The Indiana, Illinois and Iowa bridge, almost black, and eyes the same. He dresses costing \$1,000,000, is nearly half gone, the

holsting works and buildings at Spring Hill shatt were ruined. Many buildings in Kangkley, four miles west of Streator, were blown down and several persons were injured there.

Many houses were unroofed and otherwise damaged. Telephone and telegraph lines are nearly all down and details are meager. BUILDINGS WRECKED.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Princeton, Ill., July 17.-A cyclone passed through the northern part of Bureau County this afternoon, damaging crops, farm buildings and residences.

The residence of Henry Smith, six miles north of Sheffield, was wrecked, and Mr. Smith and his sister were both badly injured, suffering broken limbs.

The storm originated near Mineral and passed south of New Bedford and Manlius and on the northern outskirts of Lamoille At the latter place numerous small buildings were wrecked. This was the same cyclone which a few miles further east at

## SOME JOHN A. LEE LETTERS ARE SAID TO BE FORGERIES.

Object of Expose, Friends of the F ormer Lieutenant Governor Say, Is to Discredit Testimony Which Lee Might Give Against Senators Farrish, Smith and Matthews - Documents Contradict Legislative Agent's Interviews-Serious Difference in Stories Concerning \$1,000 Check.

- We York, April 10, 1903;

Bobert Se Lee.

-me.

St. Louis.

Pay all those advertising bills from the check I left with you for \$1000.00 and if there is any difference one way or the other advise

New York, April 10, 1933.-Robert E. Lee, St. Louis: Pay all those advertising bille from the check I left with you for \$1,000, and if there is any difference one way or the Since D. J. Kelley, the antialum legisla- from Whitney Layton, in small bills, on the

letters supposed to be from John A. Lee the friends of the former Lieutenant Governor are beginning to cite evidence to show that Kelley is playing a game to discredit any testimony which Lee may give before to the Jefferson City jury which will try Senators Farris, Smith and Mat-

According to one friend of Lee, the prose cuting officers have in their possession letter which Robert E. Lee, brother of John A. Lee, and who received the \$1,000 check from Kelley this year, has had since April 12 of this year. It was written five days after the information had been filed by Circuit Attorney Folk against Kelley for The letter reads as follows:

"Robert E. Lee, St. Louis-Pay all those advertising bills from the check I left with you for \$1,000, and if there is any difference one way or the other advise me. Yours, "D. J. KELLEY." This is in direct contradiction to the in-

terview and letters which Kelley has given out for publication regarding the \$1,000 to give him or I can do nothing what-

ceived from Lee says: "I am in danger, my friend, and you must help me quick. I want you to take the inclosed note and send me

tive agent, has given out for publication sixth day of January. I afterwards helped him out with this amount, as he said he wanted to pay Layton back. That is all there is to it."

Evidently, if the Robert E. Lee letter is genuine. Kelley has told two stories about the \$1,000 check. At first the money was supposed to be for advertising, and now he says it was to help Lee repay a loan. Layton, Kelley's chief opponent, says he did not lend a cent to Lee, and those who know him and his relations to Lee will have no difficulty in believing him.

Shortly after the indictments had been returned against Kelley the newspapers printed stories hinting that Kelley might return and testify for the State, thus turning up the entire conspiracy and boodling Lee has shown the prosecuting officers a

telegram which he received from Kelley on April 15. It reads as follows: "Newspaper statements that I will return to St. Louis to appear before Grand Jury false. I will of, under any circumstances, return to Missouri. I know nothing about anything or anybody. Kelley."

Friends of Lee pronounce some of the letters, especially those supposed to have been written this year, to be forgeries. Between All of which is expected to "come out in

Circuit Attorney Folk will resume his inpleces, and is now braced with nearly the percentage of the tracks that it will be a good idea to do away with the viaduct, by getting the railroads to raise their tracks and the raising of the viaduct and the raising of the tracks there would permit the Terminal Railroad Association to take the Southern, the Illinois Central and the Mobile and Ohio trains across the bridge, doing away with the "backing" now necessary.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Paducah. Ky., July 17.—Ah Wing. Ah Pang, Ju On and Lin Sing, local Chinamen.

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In an interview in Toronto Thursday Kelley explained this check as follows: He ley explained this check as follows: He ley explained this check as follows: He with some one and he would have to give the bridge, doing away with the "backing" now necessary.